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**\*\*\*\*\* STATEMENT\*\*\*\*\***

**San Francisco Human Rights Commission Urges All to Commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday and National Holiday as a "Day of Service" to Advance Equality for All**

**San Francisco, CA-** On behalf of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission (HRC), Commission Chair Michael A. Sweet issued the following statement on the observance of Civil Rights Leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday and national holiday as a "Day of Service" to advance equality:

"As our great Nation continues to experience critical advances in the fight for equality, there is still much work to be done toward realizing Dr. King's dream of equal treatment for all people.

In honoring Dr. King's legacy we should be vigilant, not just on this day of service, but every day and in every segment of our lives as we strive to ensure that all people are treated equally and with dignity and respect. It is through our dedication to this continued fulfillment of Dr. King's work that we encourage everyone, from all walks of life, to participate in some meaningful way to promote equality.

As Chair of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, I am proud of the legion of faithful and dedicated human and equal rights advocates and community activists who work tirelessly every day to uphold Dr. King's dream to ensure that freedom and justice prevail for all."

The San Francisco Human Rights Commission (HRC) invites the public to take part in the MLK Parade and related events on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 2014. The HRC parade contingent will be gathering at 4<sup>th</sup> and King Streets, at the southeast corner of the Caltrain Station (located at 4<sup>th</sup> and Townsend Streets).

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*The MLK Day of Service is a part of United We Serve, the President's national call to service initiative. It calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to our most pressing national problems.*

**The San Francisco Human Rights Commission was established in 1964 by City Ordinance and became a Charter Commission in 1990. In 2014 the HRC will celebrate 50 years of distinguished public service in human rights advocacy for the City and County of San Francisco**

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